



De Soto '500' Pace Car Showing At Whittleseys Today to Monday

The 1956 De Soto "Fireflite Special Convertible Coupe," colorful official pace car of the Memorial Day 500 Mile Classic at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, May 30, is now on display at Whittlesey Motors, De Soto-Plymouth dealership, at 1600 Cabrillo.

"Because of its contributions to the field of automotive safety in its 1956 automobile, De Soto has been selected as the pace car this year," George Whittlesey states.

Whittlesey quoted Tony Hulman, chairman of the board of Indianapolis Motor Speedway, in commenting on the choice of the pace car, who announced: "After driving the new De Soto on the speedway recently, I am convinced it definitely has been designed and engineered for today's super-highway-age."

Safety Featured
Mr. Hulman went on to say: "Because greater safety has always been the speedway's primary objective, De Soto's many contributions to this field of automotive development for 1956 make it the logical car to lead the 33 fastest qualifiers across the starting line this year."

The De Soto pace car combines all elements of the latest automotive styling, engineering and safety, it is said. According to Whittlesey special gold top and white and gold exterior combination with matching interior upholstery and trim distinctively stylize the pace car.

The car features bucket seat styling with full six passenger comfort. Seat panel inserts of brown tweed are contrasted with brilliantly piped bolsters of gold-simulated leather. The black floor carpeting is gold-flecked, and the white plastic steering wheel has gold hand grips. The black crash-padded instrument panel sets off the gold panel inserts.

Crest Changed
The De Soto crest has been uniquely redesigned to carry the traditional black and white checkered flag motif behind the De Soto symbols. A "Forward Look" emblem has also been backgrounded with the checkered flag theme adding color and dash to the rakish upswept rear fenders.

The perforated mesh grille of anodized aluminum has been given a gold-tone treatment to further individualize the car and distinctive new gold wheel discs add resplendence.

Powered by the 235 horsepower Fireflite V-8 engine, the pace car will be completely equipped with up to date power assists, including: power steering, power brakes, power windows, power seats, and the revolutionary pushbutton powerflite transmission.

Modern Design
Whittlesey says the pace car offers every modern automotive safety feature. He listed: the completely new advanced braking system, called "Center Plane Brakes," that is standard equipment on all De Soto mod-

els, with or without optional power brakes; positive acting door locks, whose design provides a sturdy interlock between the two halves of the door lock when closed, and greatly minimizes the possibility of doors opening on impact; redesigned windshield wipers now covering additional areas

of the wrap-around windshield and giving 10 per cent better side vision during foul weather. The pace car also has the new safety (sealed) beam headlamps which project the low light beam approximately 80 ft. further on the right hand side

and reduces glare on oncoming motorists as well as drivers, it is said. Whittlesey commented that safety seat belts, (optional equipment) which are CAA-approved will be utilized in the pace car on race day.

FACE CAR HERE . . . The car which will pace the Indianapolis 500-miler on Memorial Day is now on display at Whittlesey Motors, 1600 Cabrillo Ave. through Sunday. The DeSoto convertible will lead the world champion racers around the 2 1/4-mile course to start the annual Memorial Day classic this year.



YEAR COURSE . . . Aviation Cadet Bob Nakamura, son of Mrs. F. Nakamura, 21206 S. Figueroa, Torrance, is currently enrolled in a twelve-month Primary Basic Observer Course at Harlingen AFB in Texas.

Job Continued On Directory

Canvassers are about 40 per cent finished with their household-to-house count here, which will lead to the 1956 Torrance City Directory, slated to be released sometime next month.

Don de Cheney, director of the local project for Luskay Brothers Co., said every person living within the city limits, regardless of post office address, will be counted.

Workers are asking for names of all persons 20 years and over in each household, their occupation, address, phone number and property ownership.

Church Holding Services in New Building

Services are now being held in the new St. Matthew Lutheran Church building at 25000 S. Normandie Ave. It was announced this week by Rev. E. M. Passow, pastor. The new building, which will serve as parish hall when the sanctuary is completed later, is at Normandie and Lomita Blvd. Meetings of the church, associated with the Missouri Synod, have been held there since the first of the year, Rev. Passow said. Sunday school services are held each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and worship services are at 10:45 a.m.

Future building program at the site includes a fully accredited eight-grade school. The first three grades are scheduled to open next fall. Dedication services for the part now completed have been scheduled for Feb. 19th, according to Frederick J. Hanson, secretary of the building committee. Prior to opening services at

SC Offers Two Courses in Torrance

Two classes for residents of the Torrance area were announced yesterday by the University of Southern California for the spring term beginning Feb. 8.

A workshop in elementary education will be given Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. at Torrance High School. Intended for teachers, the course will present various methods of instruction, according to V. Teubner, instructor. A second course on physiological psychology will be given Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. at Harbor General Hospital, beginning Feb. 9. The course is recommended for premedical students. F. Kisch will be the instructor.

The new location, the church had been meeting at the Women's Club in Wilmington. The regular site for the church, on which a building program was under way, was lost to the church when the Harbor Freeway work was started.

Accent Theater In New Home at YMCA

"Accent" Theater of Torrance has found itself a new home.

During the past year the little theater group has had to move bags, baggage and pieces of equipment for each new production, and has been forced, on some occasions, to play in such unlikely locations as small buildings and garages.

Recognizing that Shakespeare once said, "That which we call rows by any other name will be as sweet," the group still

felt that a permanent home with permanent seats would be a boon. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m., members of the company will meet in the west wing of the YMCA—the future Little Theater—to discuss plans for remodeling the building.

Paul Harestad, head of the decorating committee, said that the new theater will have a complete stage with lighting equipment, flats, curtains and seats.

Construction will continue for the next three months and the first play, "The Tender Trap," will be presented in May.

1st Play Opens In \$1 Million Campus Center

"The Happy Time," a three-act romantic comedy, will be presented Feb. 10 at 8:30 p.m. at El Camino College by members of the theater arts classes. The performance will be the first in the new \$1,042,000 art, music, and theater arts center which was completed this semester.

"The Happy Time" was first produced in 1950 by Rogers and Hammerstein in New York and tells the story of the adolescent period in the life of a French-Canadian boy. Four performances of the play will be given. Following the Friday opening, the production will be repeated on Feb. 11, 17, and 18. For reservations call DAVIS 4-6831.

Church Gives Sermons on Life of Man

Nativity Catholic Church, 1447 Engracia Ave., will offer a series of nine evening sermons on the personal life of man starting Friday, Feb. 3, through Sunday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Reverend Father Thomas A. Morrison, O.P., of the Dominican Missionaries, will preach the novena. Father Morrison said, "We all know from whence we came. It is obvious where we desire to go—heaven. But is our daily life on this path? If this mission fails to instruct you, it is guaranteed not to bore you."

In addition to the evening services, daily mass will be held at 6, 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. during the novena. The public is invited.

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OFFICIAL SWEEPSTAKES RULES

- Contest open to any person in U.S. or territories who owns a 1950 or newer model car, registered in his or her name prior to Jan. 17, 1956, except employees and their immediate families of Plymouth Motor Corp., Plymouth Division of Chrysler Corp., its advertising agencies, The Ruben H. Donnelly Corp., and Plymouth dealers.
- Nothing to buy or solve. Take your title, owner's card or registration certificate—any proof of ownership—to any Plymouth dealer. Register your car's motor or serial number, make and model year on the entry blank. Then sign your name, address and telephone number, and have your entry signed or otherwise validated by a Plymouth dealer or salesman. Place entry in the contest entry box.
- Winners will be selected by The Ruben H. Donnelly Corp. by blindfold drawing. 1st prize winner will be selected first—2nd prize winner, second, etc., in successive drawings. Decisions of judges final.
- All entries become the property of Plymouth Division of Chrysler Corporation and none will be returned. Plymouth and its advertising agencies will not enter into any correspondence with any contestant, except winners.
- Contest opens at beginning of dealer's business day, January 17, 1956. Entries must be placed in entry box before close of dealer's business day, March 10, 1956.
- Winners will be notified by mail by May 10, 1956. Names and addresses of winners will be posted at Plymouth dealers. Prizes awarded at Detroit, Mich.
- Second prize winner must complete around-the-world trip within two weeks, by October 31, 1956. Total cost of trip for two not to exceed \$6,000.
- Contest subject to Federal, State & Local regulations.